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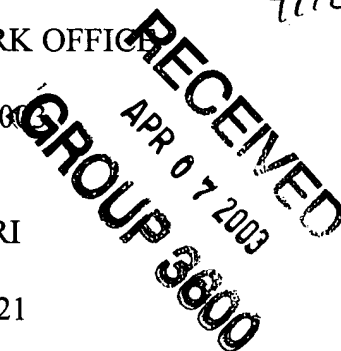
REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Responsive to the final Office action dated December 31, 2002, applicants request reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

There remains two technical issues. The Examiner required that applicants submit the following documents: (1) the original of U.S. Patent No. 5,806,274; and (2) an executed supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney for Reissue Patent Application. Previously, claims 1-3, 5-11, 21 and 22 were rejected as being based upon a defective reissue declaration. Applicants believe those rejections are now rendered moot because applicants are including with this Request both of the above-identified documents.

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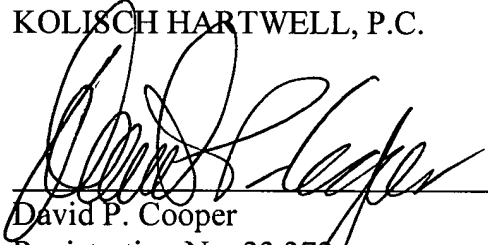
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Accordingly, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the final Office action and issuance of a Notice of Allowance. If there are any questions regarding this matter, please telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

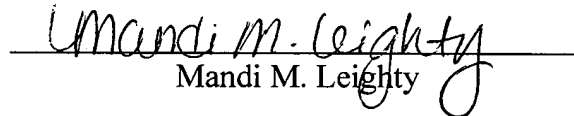
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